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Teens Plead Guilty in Smart Case

1, Randall, Lattime Face Life Sentences for Murder of Derry Man

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EXETER— A Seabrook teenager who was allegedly having an affair with Pamela Smart pleaded guilty yesterday in Rockingham Superior Court to second-degree murder for the May 1 killing of Smart's husband, Gregory.

Two other Seabrook teens pleaded guilty to accomplice to second-degree murder in connection with Smart's death.

William Flynn, 17, Patrick "Pete" Randall, 18, and Vance Lattime Jr., 18, could face life in prison for their part in the murder.

The pleas come a week before Pamela Smart, 23, of Derry, goes on trial on charges of instructing the trio to kill her husband.

Assistant Attorney General Paul A. Maggiotto declined to comment on the terms of the negotiated pleas. He also would not comment on whether the three will be called as state witnesses at Smart's trial.

Judge Kenneth McHugh said there will be a one-to-two-month presentence investigation before the teens are sentenced.

All three wore sweaters, black jeans and sneakers. They appeared calm as they were led into the courtroom and as they responded to questions from McHugh.

One by one they confirmed their pleas, responding in steady voices when McHugh asked if they were aware of the maximum punishment for the crimes.

"Life," each said in turn.



WILLIAM FLYNN
Shot Greg Smart in head



PATRICK RANDALL
Held Smart



VANCE LATTIME Jr.
Drove car from scene

Flynn, who was recently certified by the court to be tried as an adult on a first-degree murder charge in connection with Smart's death, pleaded innocent to that charge yesterday, plead-

ing instead to second-degree murder.

Randall and Lattime were in the process of being certified and each signed waivers to the

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certification yesterday before entering guilty pleas to being accomplices to second-degree murder.

The teens were students at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton, where Pamela Smart was media services director. She was allegedly having an affair with Flynn and plotted the killing with him, according to the state's charges against her.

She has been held at the New Hampshire State Prison for Women in Goffstown since August, when she was indicted on charges of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, accomplice to first-degree murder and witness tampering.

Her attorneys, Mark Sisti and Paul Twomey, would not comment on yesterday's pleas or how it will affect their defense of Smart.

Attorney Marsha Kazarosian, attorney for Lattime, said her client thought long and hard about the decision to plead.

"He wouldn't be doing this if

he didn't think it was the right thing," she said.

The state charges the teens went to the Smarts' condominium while Pamela Smart was at a school board meeting. According to the charges, Flynn and Randall entered the house, ransacked it to make it appear as if a burglary had taken place, then waited until Smart, an insurance salesman, returned home from work.

Then, police say, Randall helped Flynn overpower Smart, and held him down as Flynn shot Smart in the head with a .38 caliber handgun.

They allegedly fled from the condominium, and were driven home by Lattime who was waiting with the car.

When Smart returned home and found her husband dead in the foyer, her screams summoned neighbors from around the quiet development.

Just over a month later, the arrests of Flynn, Randall

and Lattime stunned the community of Seabrook.

Pamela Smart said in an interview near the end of June that the arrests came as a devastating aftershock to the murder.

Smart admitted she knew all three Winnacunnet students through her job, and questioned whether she could continue working for the school district.

Less than two months later she was arrested and charged with helping to plan the murder with Flynn.

Early this month she was indicted on new charges of witness tampering and criminal solicitation in connection with an alleged scheme to have the state's key witness, 16-year-old Cecelia Pierce, killed.

Pierce, who formerly worked in the SAU 21 media office with Smart, wore a concealed tape machine and recorded conversations with Smart about the murder for the state.